

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on December 14, 2004, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 4, and 9 are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-11 are now pending in this application.

Applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 1, 4, and 9 do not introduce any new subject matter and are intended to cover additional claimable subject matter fully supported by the originally filed specification. For example, support for the claims can be found on page 5, lines 4-20 of the Applicant's specification.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-4, 7, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Kawamura (U.S. Patent No. JP 61-42628).

In the Office Action, the Examiner cited the Kawamura reference as describing all the elements and limitations of the Applicant's independent claims 1, 4 and 9. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 4 and 9. Applicant's independent claims 1, 4 and 9, as amended, recite, "a wireless interconnection".

The Applicant was unable to locate in the Kawamura reference a description of "a wireless interconnection". As such, Applicant respectfully submits that all the elements and limitations of Applicant's independent claims 1, 4 and 9, as amended, are not shown in the Kawamura reference. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the 102 rejection of claims for these claims, as well as the claims that depend therefrom.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 5, 6, 8, and 11 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura (JP 61-42628) and further in view of Hasegawa (JP 61-30167).

The Examiner states in connection with claim 6 that neither of the references disclosure an infrared signal output port, but that providing an infrared output port in a scanning device is well known and routinely implemented in the art. Applicant believes that the examiner is taking Official Notice to support the same.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a reference to support this position per MPEP 2144.03.

Nevertheless, Applicant believes that claims 4 and 9, as amended, are in condition for allowance, i.e., none of the cited references describe or suggest “a wireless interconnection”. Since claims 5, 6, and 8 depend from allowable claim 4, and claim 11 depends from allowable claim 9, Applicant submits that claims 5, 6, 8 and 11 are similarly in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 103 rejection for the same is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (360) 212-8052 to facilitate prosecution of this matter.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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